

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [ [ ] ].

Please replace the paragraph found on page 1, lines 8–16, of the specification, with the following replacement paragraph:

This application incorporates by reference in their entirety for all purposes the following U.S. patent applications: Serial No. 10/716,719 [ [ ] ], filed November 19, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,090,676 titled ~~ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES~~, and naming ~~Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors~~; Serial No. 10/717,401 [ [ ] ], filed November 19, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,153,309 titled ~~GUIDE SYSTEM FOR BONE REPAIR DEVICES~~, and naming ~~Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors~~; Serial No. 10/717,402 [ [ ] ], filed November 19, 2003, titled ~~DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES~~, and naming ~~Randall J. Huebner as inventor~~; and Serial No. 10/717,399 [ [ ] ], filed November 19, 2003, titled ~~BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS~~, and naming ~~Randall J. Huebner as inventor~~.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 11, line 5, to page 12, line 2, of the specification, with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 4 shows bone plate 50 positioned provisionally on the volar surface of the distal radius with the proximal and distal anchor portions 52, 54 disposed adjacent proximal segment 32 and distal fragment 30, respectively. Long axis 70 of the plate may be generally aligned with the long axis of the radius. Proximal slot 78 may have received bone screw 82 so that the shank of the bone screw has advanced partially or substantially into bone. However, the bone screw may be advanced incompletely, so that the head of the bone screw does not engage the bone plate sufficiently to restrict movement of the bone plate completely. Accordingly, the bone plate may be moved translationally, shown at 110, along a path parallel to proximal slot 78. The bone plate also may be pivoted at this stage, if desired. In some embodiments, distal fragment 30 of the radius may be connected to (and/or secured to) the bone plate at this stage so that the spacing (and/or angular disposition) of the proximal segment and distal fragment may be adjusted. The plate and associated bone portions may be moved using any suitable method, including purely manually and/or with the assistance of a suitable tool, such as a handle, among others, as described below. In the illustrated embodiment, adjustment of the plate's position, here and below, may be produced by manipulation of an optional handle 112 coupled to the bone plate. Further aspects of tools that may be suitable for adjusting the plate's positions are included in the following patent application, which is incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,402 [\_\_\_\_\_], filed November 19, 2003, titled DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 17, line 21, to page 18, line 7, of the specification, with the following replacement paragraph:

Bone plates as described herein may be attached to or otherwise associated with bone using any suitable method or procedure. For example, as mentioned above, a surgeon may (1) select an appropriate plate, (2) reduce (set) any discontinuity in the bone, and (3) fasten the plate to opposite sides of the discontinuity using suitable fasteners, such as screws and/or wires, so that portions of the bone are fixed in position. These steps may be performed manually and/or mechanically, for example, using a guide system as described in the following patent application, which is incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,401 [[\_\_\_\_]], filed November 19, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,153,309 titled GUIDE SYSTEM FOR BONE REPAIR DEVICES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 20, lines 8–16, of the specification, with the following replacement paragraph:

One or more reference marks may be disposed adjacent the slot(s). The reference marks may be arrayed in parallel with the slot, for example, arrayed linearly or in an arcuate arrangement. The reference marks may identify predefined positional adjustments to the bone plate. Further aspects of reference marks are included in the following patent applications, which are incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,719 [[\_\_\_\_]], filed November 19, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,090,676 titled ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,399 [[\_\_\_\_]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor.